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Setting up of KVKs
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the core objectives of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) scheme including its key features, funding pattern alongwith institutional mechanism and guidelines outlined for setting up of KVKs;

(b) the details of sanctioned, approved, withdrawn, cancelled, under implementation and operational KVKs alongwith the reasons for the withdrawal, cancellation and deferment of projects during the 12th Five Year Plan period;

(c) the funds allocated, released and utilized during the above Plan period, project and State-wise including Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Government proposes setting up of more KVKs in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for expediting the setting up of KVKs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) The core objectives of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) scheme are technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. This is achieved through On-farm testing to identify the location specificity of technology under various farming systems, Frontline demonstration to establish the production potential of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers fields, Capacity development of farmers and extension personnel. KVKs are functioning as a knowledge and resource centre of agricultural technologies and Provide farm advisories using ICT and other media means on varied subjects of interest to farmers. The KVK scheme is functioning on a 100% Central funding pattern under the ambit of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE).

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through its 8 Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI) invite proposals for establishment of KVKs. For this purpose wide publicity is given for the advertisement of inviting proposals. After the receipt of the proposals in the prescribed format, a duly constituted site selection committee visits the locations proposed for the establishment of the KVK based on the approved parameters. The major criteria is that the host organization should be associated with agriculture and its allied sector for a minimum of five years in the district and should be willing to spare 20.00 ha of area of contiguous land for establishment of KVK. After the approval of reports of Site Selection Committee by competent authority, a formal MoU is signed with host organization before establishment of KVK.

(b) to (d): In view of demand from various States for Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), the Government has approved for setting-up of 121 KVKs in the country during 12th Plan. Out of 121 KVKs, 15 KVKs has been established. No KVK is withdrawn and cancelled by the Government. The State-wise funds released and utilized during the above Plan period including Maharashtra is given at Annexure-I. During the 12th Plan 106 more KVKs are to be set up. The Location-wise and State-wise details of the districts where KVKs proposed to be set-up during 12th Plan is at Annexure-II.

(e) The Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR has requested Chief Secretaries of the concerned States to spare requisite land for establishing the KVKs. Further, all the Directors of ATARIs have been advised to expedite the visits of site selection committee to those districts from which proposals were received for setting up of KVKs.

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